Ray Loses Bid to Block Publication of Huie Book

MEMPHIS, Dec. 1 (Reuters) —An attempt by James Earl Ray to block publication of a book based on his handwritten memoirs was denied here today.

Federal District Judge Robert McRae dismissed a suit that sought to block a book by William Bradford Huie and to void contracts concerning the memoirs between Ray and Percy Foreman and Arthur Hanes, two of Ray's former attorneys.

Ray was not present in court, but a deposition taken at the state prison in Nashville, where he is serving 99 years for the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was read.